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In re the Application of:

WEEKS et al.

Serial No.: 09/055,145

Filed: April 3, 1998

Atty. File No.: 3553-18

For: "METHODS AND MATERIALS
FOR MAKING AND USING
TRANSGENIC DICAMBA-
DEGRADING ORGANISMS"

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 22, 2002 to March 22, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$400 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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